

# COUNTY OPENS TALKS ON DUMP SITE IN PALOS VERDES HILLS

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# Airport May Get Catalina Planes

## Torrance May Get Catalina Air Terminal

The possibility that Torrance Municipal Airport may become the terminal for the Catalina Airlines for scheduled flights to and from the island was disclosed here yesterday by Robert E. Herrick, president of the city's Airport Commission.

Negotiations with the airline firm to move its operations to Torrance are now under way and probably will be discussed further at the commission meeting this evening, Herrick said.

At the present time, the company flies passengers out of the Los Angeles International Airport and out of Burbank. This serves as a considerable inconvenience when passengers wish to ride the steamer over from Wilmington and then fly back, Herrick said.

The move to Torrance Municipal Airport would put the plane passengers within a few miles of the steamship terminal, which would make one-way flights more popular, he said.

## Gravel Firm Must Set Hopper Back

A minimum move southward by 225 feet will have to be made by Torrance Sand and Gravel Co. of its 65-foot tall hopper west of Crenshaw and south of Pacific Coast Highway.

This was the final condition set Tuesday night by the City Council, which had at its previous weekly meeting granted a variance to the company to use the hopper for mixing dry cement.

The Council, after lengthy discussion of assembled residents and officials, gave its okay to a recommendation from a committee of three appointed by Mayor Albert Isen to settle upon the best location.

Made Survey The committee, composed of Building Superintendent John Russell, Planning Commission President Beverly Smith, and City Engineer Ronald Bishop, was enabled to reach a decision on the basis of a survey by Engineer Bishop.

The 225 minimum move would place the controversial hopper

at least 500 feet from the nearest property line, as requested the previous week by a spokesman for residents of the neighborhood.

Although the only question on the agenda Tuesday was that of location of the hopper, many of the property owners speaking from the floor continued to insist on doing away with the operation altogether, displaying much of the feeling that was aroused during the period after the matter became subject of controversy.

Neighborhood Needed Mayor Isen made the statement that "good neighborhood can work both ways," and even went so far at one point as to call upon Police Chief Willard Haslam to insist upon orderly discussion.

Bishop said that his survey was based upon the immediate area, and did not include houses at a distance of several blocks from the sand and gravel operation. He said at two blocks distance less than five feet of the hopper would be visible.

Thomas Block, co-owner of the company, stated that the intention is to move the hopper more than the minimum required distance.

Isen, as chairman, ruled out of order the discussion on whether the original variance should have been granted in 1948, adding that none of the present Council members were on the Council at that time.

Month Given As decided at the previous meeting, the company has 30 days to make a "reasonable attempt" to comply. Block assured the residents that the move will be made "as soon as possible."

The motion, by Councilman Nickolas Drale, setting the location, included a list of conditions by the Planning Commission, as formulated by the City Attorney, designed to ameliorate nuisance features of the operation.

Councilman Willys Blount cast the lone "No" vote to the motion.

## Suspect Surrenders

Robert Stanley Corder, 28, former Torrance man, wanted for armed robberies in Torrance and Lomita during the past two weeks, gave himself up in Sacramento this week, and was returned to Los Angeles County today.

Capt. Ernest Ashton said that Corder was reported to have confessed to the holdup of a Torrance service station on June 14, when five policemen drove up and chased him to a nearby trailer court, where he escaped.

Corder is wanted for four holdups, three of which were committed in County territory, therefore he will be held by County authorities. Two of the holdups were in Lomita on successive nights at a service station.

Over the past seven years, Ashton said, Corder has lived in Torrance off and on, most of the time at a local hotel.



RARE BLOOD . . . Lt. Cmdr. John Ingersoll, of 2511 Lofty View Drive, picks up three pints of rare blood type from Red Cross Nurse Katherine McIntosh in Los Angeles. He left immediately for San Diego Naval Hospital. Blood will be administered to Mrs. Ingersoll, who is undergoing a major operation there today.

## Red Cross Aids Mercy Mission

A one-man mercy mission began here early yesterday morning when Lt. Cmdr. John Ingersoll of Torrance picked up three pints of the rarest blood type at the Los Angeles Red Cross Blood Center and raced to the San Diego Naval hospital, where his wife is being prepared for a lung operation this afternoon.

When it was discovered that the hospital had only two pints of type A-2-B Negative on hand and the San Diego Blood Bank could not supply the additional three pints required for the operation, an appeal was made to Red Cross by Douglas Aircraft Company, El Segundo Division, where Ingersoll is employed as a service engineer.

Ingersoll delivered the blood to his 42-year-old wife's side at 11:30 a.m.

Red Cross disclosed that type A-2-B Negative occurs in only one out of every 400 persons, and "starting from scratch" more than 1,200 persons ordinarily would have to be screened to obtain the three pints.

"But with more than 500 individuals giving their blood through Red Cross every day, an adequate supply of all types is available at all times," a spokesman said.

The Navy veteran, who donated blood consistently during his years of active service and 15 times at Red Cross bloodmobiles.

## Drama Group to Give Comedy This Week End

Local Thespians or better known as the ACCENT: Theater group will present their version of the "Fourposter" tomorrow night at the Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Ingracia at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of ACCENT: Theater

## Drale Asks for 3-Cent Cut in City Tax Rate

Councilman Nickolas Drale has expressed himself in favor of a three-cent cut in the anticipated property tax "should a use and sales tax be adopted in August."

He so stated at the first of two public hearings held Tuesday on the proposed municipal budget.

"I'm going along with the budget until it is determined whether we will have the use and sales tax," he said.

"If the use and sales taxes are passed I feel that the city could well afford to cut the property tax."

No Tax Increase

The budget, at an estimated operating figure of \$2,036,300, assumes no tax increase, but includes a levy of five-cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to retire bonds. A use tax to raise \$70,000 to \$60,000 during the coming year, has been proposed.

Only person to speak at the hearing Tuesday night from the council chamber floor was Tony DiMayle of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association, who asked for additional prowl car patrolling.

Increase Planned

City Manager George Stevens pointed out that the budget provides for an increase of nine in police department personnel, at a cost of \$315,000 to \$375,000. Police Chief Willard Haslam said the nine new employees would be allotted as equitably as possible, but add there could be no guarantee that they would be assigned to "a certain area."

The next public hearing is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 28.

## Dicalite Mine Sought as Dump

Action laying the groundwork for possible condemnation proceedings to acquire a 200-acre disposal site in Rolling Hills was taken yesterday by boards of the South Bay Cities Sanitation District and County Sanitation District 5. Nickolas O. Drale, alternate member of both the boards,

which met jointly, said that District Chief Engineer A. M. Rawn was authorized Wednesday to write a letter to the owner declaring the county's intention to acquire the property. The letter will be directed to Great Lakes Carbon Corp., owner of the area comprising the old Dicalite Mine on Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Complies With Law The letter will comply with law requiring notification before possible condemnation.

The site is one of about four Los Angeles County is considering acquiring at a cost of about \$6,000,000. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said Tuesday that purchase of the sites would "prevent any organized monopoly from controlling both the collection system and the dump site."

"If the County could own adequate dump sites," he said, "they could be made available to small cities, to the public, and small rubbish collectors which are not able to buy dump areas."

A total of \$860,522 is available for purchase of the 200 acres for District 5, including Torrance. The site is west of Crenshaw Blvd. and north of Palos Verdes Dr., and is on a line (southerly) with an extension of Hawthorne Blvd., south of its terminus.

Tax Raised Funds The money was raised through a two-cent property tax enacted by cities of the district, effective for the past five years. Great Lakes Carbon at one

## Charles Rodgers Services Today

Funeral services for Charles Henry Rodgers, 65, a resident of Torrance for the past 19 years, will be held at the Stone and Myers Chapel here this afternoon at 2 p.m. Rev. Freeman Brunson of the Torrance Church of the Nazarene will officiate.

Before illness forced him to retire a few years ago, Mr. Rodgers operated a service station at Carson and El Prado and became acquainted with thousands of students attending Torrance High School. Mrs. Rodgers helped him in the station as did a grandson, Jerry Moore, who has just completed Navy duty.

Mr. Rodgers was born in New Castle, Ind., and has made his home here for many years. He lived at 1027 Amapola Ave.

Surviving are his widow Martha Rodgers; a daughter, Hildred Moore, of 1103 Amapola; a sister, Mrs. Grace Lee, of 2362 1/2 Maricopa Place; a sister in Indianapolis; five grandchildren.

Six friends of Mr. Rodgers will serve as pallbearers at final rites this afternoon. They include Charles T. Berry, Albert Knappenberger, Ted White, Don Mather, Stanley Hall, and Marvin Moffitt.

Burial will be in Green Hills.

## Another Rabid Dog Discovered

Another rabid dog died Tuesday in North Torrance, scene of the recent rabies outbreak. A terrier belonging to the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Everett, 3428 W. 189th St. was found to be rabid, it was announced by Dr. B. A. Kogan, district health officer.

The animal is not known to have bitten any human, but because of the danger of having transmitted the virus by saliva through broken skin, serious consideration is being given to Pasteur treatment for two members of the Everett household. Dr. Kogan said yesterday afternoon.

Possible rabies victims are Mrs. Mary Everett and one of her children, age five. There are four children in the family.

The pet was a house dog, but ran loose at night, according to health department records. First symptoms were noted on June 14. The dog became unable to swallow food or water. It was in several dogfights at the time of the rabies outbreak in that area several weeks ago, it was learned.

Dr. Kogan said that no humans are currently being given treatment for the dread disease in this area. Last spring 15 persons were treated.

## Compulsory Dog Vaccine Is Advocated

Torrance Lions heard a physician speak wholeheartedly in favor of compulsory dog inoculation against rabies when they met Tuesday for their luncheon meeting.

The speaker was Dr. Clinton Thiens, a research scientist, who is director of Hunt Memorial Hospital, Pasadena.

A law to compel rabies vaccination is now under study by the City Attorney of Torrance. To maintain impartiality in a controversial matter, the Lions plan to have on a future program Estelle Taylor, ardent opponent of compulsory vaccination.

Dr. Thiens said that once the disease has been contracted it is always fatal, but that it can be prevented between the time of a bite and the time the virus reaches the brain. Since the vaccine produces pain and sometimes has other undesirable features, medical men would like to eliminate the need for vaccinating humans, he said.

Inoculation of dogs, wherever put into effect under city enforcement, has wiped out rabies, he said, stating, "even where only 70 per cent of the dogs are vaccinated rabies disappears."

## Oil Hearing Set

A public hearing on the proposed ordinance to regulate operation of oil wells has been set for July 12 at 8 p.m. at Torrance City Hall.

The ordinance will be introduced July 26 in the council session.

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TORRANCE PLANE CRASH . . . Extensive damage to both planes resulted when a student pilot, taxiing his plane across the runway at Torrance Municipal Airport Sunday, suddenly took to the air, caught up by the wind, and plopped down on another craft, which was nearly demolished. He was preparing to park his own plane when the accident happened. The pilot was Vladimir Algin, 8420 Cole Ave., Downey, who was treated at Harbor General Hospital for face cuts.

# Torrance Bargain Days—Thursday, Friday, Saturday